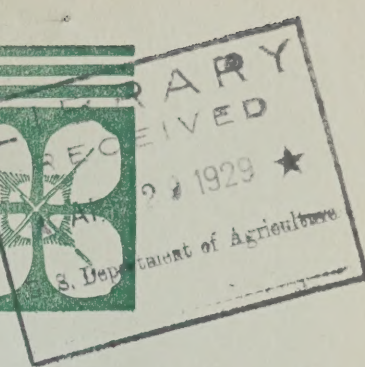
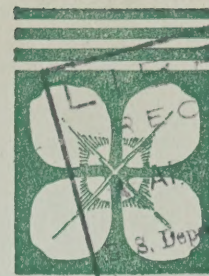


# BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB LEADER



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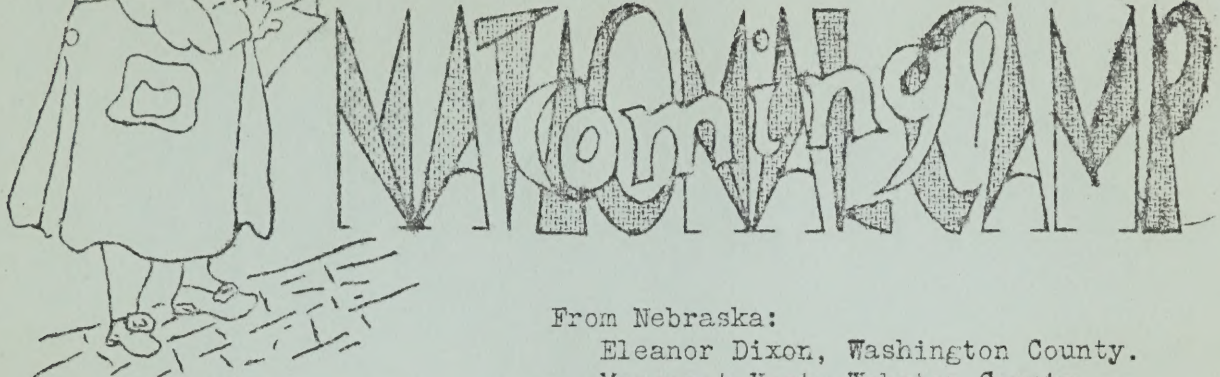
MT. VERNON, THE HOME OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Delegates to the Third National 4-H Club Camp will spend half a day here.



JUNE 19 - 23

AT WASHINGTON



From Nebraska:

Eleanor Dixon, Washington County.  
Margaret Yost, Webster County.  
Louis Miller, Cheyenne County.  
Clarence Norris, Cass County.

From Ohio:

Dorothy Cannon, Fayette County.  
Jeanette Shelles, Lucas County.  
Stanley Elliott, Medina County.  
Louis Strong, Morgan County.

From South Carolina:

Lucile Harvey, Berkeley County.  
Nell Means, Greenville County.

From West Virginia:

Rebecca Cornelius, Preston County.  
Gatha Ramsey, Fayette County.  
Allen Anderson, Webster County.  
Harold Williams, Harrison County.

From Wisconsin:

Christine Horner, Racine County.  
Luella Smith, Green County.  
Norman Rada, Chippewa County.  
Edward Swenson, Portage County.

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While all of us can't be at the camp, here is a message that ought to be of interest to all club members regardless of whether or not they are fortunate enough to be selected as delegates. On June 22 is to be the camp broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company chain. The actual hour will be announced later when certain speakers who have been invited to appear on the program are heard from. It would be a fine thing if each club throughout the United States could meet on that date and gather around a radio so that it will be indeed a 4-H hour.

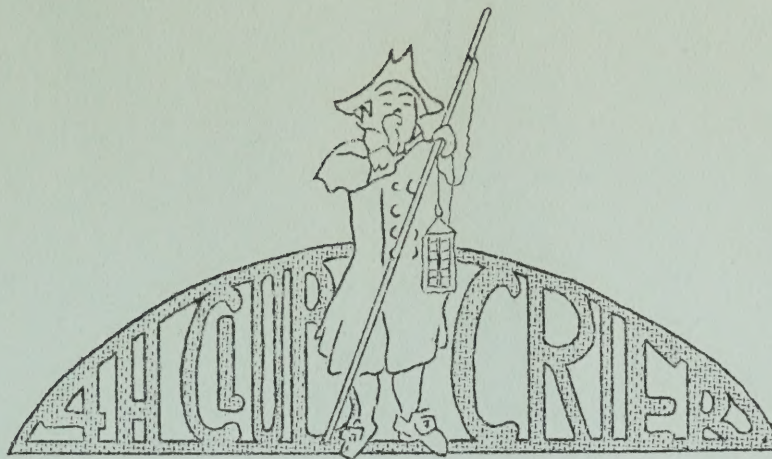
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The camp program has been arranged this year so that the time of conferences of State club leaders and conferences of club delegates will not conflict.

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Extension directors of the Eastern States when in conference in Washington recently, voted that the club leaders from that region have a half-day's conference while at the camp to discuss matters relating to this year's Eastern States Exposition, at Springfield, Mass., and provision is being made on the program for this. A. L. Deering, assistant director and county agent leader of Maine, has been designated to represent the directors arranging for this conference.





Four-H radio programs under the direction of M. H. Coe, State club leader, are now broadcast daily except Saturday and Sunday from KSAC, the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, from 6.30 to 7 p.m. The Monday and Friday programs are devoted to lectures by the college faculty interspersed with music provided by members of the Collegiate 4-H Club, an organization composed of former 4-H club members who are now in college. The Tuesday and Thursday programs are devoted entirely to music-appreciation compositions. The Wednesday evening program is devoted to 4-H club talks given by members of the Collegiate 4-H Club.

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KWSC CHANGES TIME OF CRIER PROGRAM. "You may not know who I am, but my name is 'Club Crier.' Oh, no, I do not really cry, but that is my name because when some one reads me over the radio I bring news of the 4-H club boys and girls all over the United States. Beginning January 1, Station KWSC, the State College Broadcasting Station at Pullman, is scheduling me for 7.45 every Monday evening."

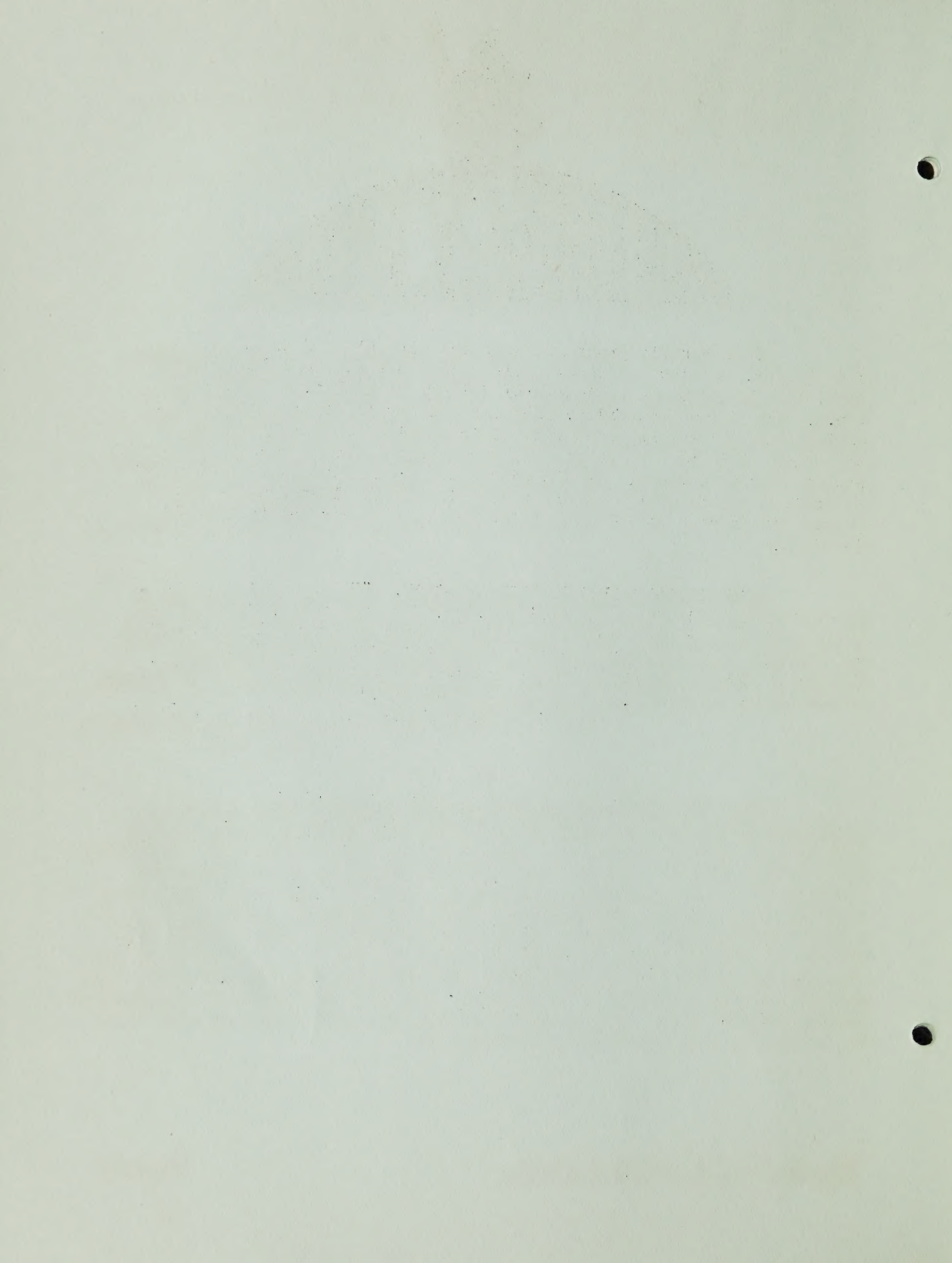
---Boys' and Girls' Club Record, Pullman, Washington,  
Jan., 1929.

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FROM THE MARCH "CONNECTICUT 4-LEAF CLOVER;" "The 4-H radio program is going out over WCAC every Monday from 5.40 to 6 p.m., and we want to know who is hearing it. Here's how we hope to find out. A special radio button will be sent to every 4-H club member or local leader who 'listens in' on the program and writes us about it. The button will carry this wording: 'Nutmeg 4-H Radioer.' Young folks listening in who are not 4-H club members will receive an 'associate' button. When writing tell us how the program 'came in,' how you liked it, the name of your club, and what you are doing in your club work. We will announce over the radio whom buttons are being awarded to each week. Send your lettersto: A. J. Brundage, Storrs, Conn." (Here is a wonderful chance, you westerners, to show "Gus" the mettle of your super-distance-getters.)

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FOUR-H CLUB CRIER (continued)

"I notice that KFAB, Lincoln, was not credited with giving the Club Crier. The Crier is given each Tuesday morning at 9.50 and is read by a member of the University 4-H Club."

---L. I. Frisbie, State extension agent in club work, Nebraska.

"KORE, Eugene, Oreg., 8 p.m. Mondays. We have one-hour programs half of which is given over to special programs by various club members. The other half is announcements and information of interest to club members and friends. Part of this time is also used in explaining projects and advancing help in these projects."

---Arnold D. Collier, county club agent, Lane County, Oreg.

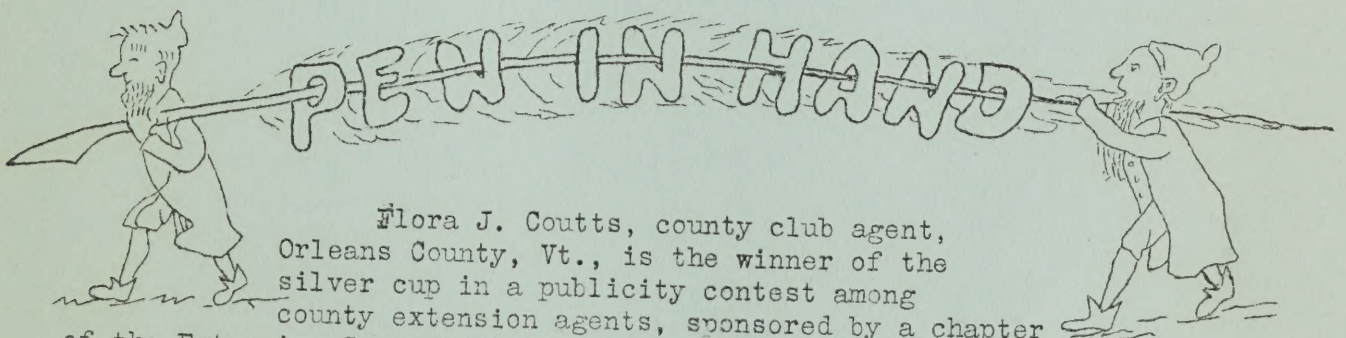
"Our time has been changed and our club program (KFDD, Brookings) now goes on the air at 12.45 p.m. each Saturday. We find that we reach more people at that time than in the evening."

---H. M. Jones, State club leader, South Dakota.

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The Tamaqua boys' and girls' celery club, Schuylkill County, Pa., is made up of 37 members who each planted 500 plants of the Easy Bleaching variety of celery last year. At the end of the season much of the celery weighed 2 pounds per plant, and several of the club members sold their entire crop for 8 to 12 cents a stalk. This club was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The purpose of the demonstration was to show that good celery could be grown in the anthracite coal region where there is an insufficient supply to meet the demand.

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Flora J. Coutts, county club agent, Orleans County, Vt., is the winner of the silver cup in a publicity contest among county extension agents, sponsored by a chapter of the Extension Service fraternity at the University of Vermont. At the recent annual extension conference, reports and exhibits were made by a large number of contestants, representing county agents, home demonstration agents, and county club agents. The judges awarded first prize to Miss Coutts. The next best competitor was also a county club agent.

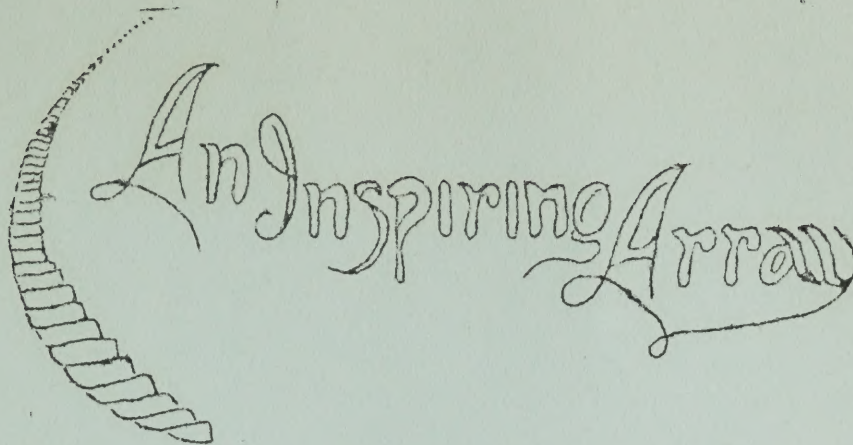
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In a recent summary of girls' 4-H club work in South Carolina, Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent, says:

"There has been a gradual increase in 4-H club enrollment in South Carolina each year. This seems more desirable than an abnormally great increase all at once which might be uncontrollable in regard to efficiency and completions.

"The enrollment for the past eight years listed below shows a general increase, although between 1921 and 1924 when emergency home agents were released, a decrease is shown:

1921-----	4,793	)	
1922-----	4,444	)	
1923-----	4,216	)	
1924-----	5,474	)	
1925-----	6,849	)	
1926-----	6,060	)	
1927-----	6,728	)	
1928-----	7,603	)	

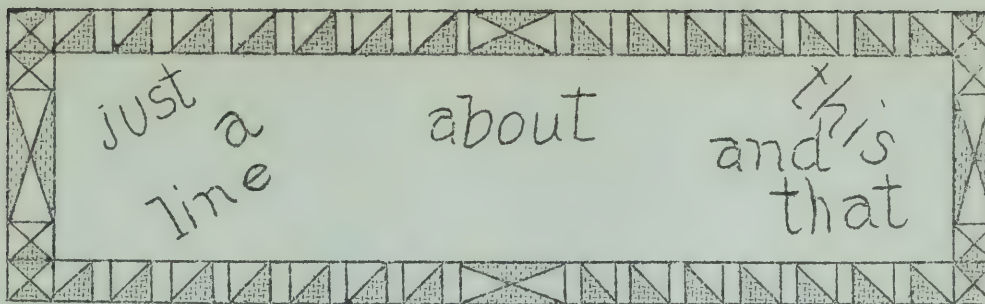
Each year between 200 and 300 boys are included who enroll in poultry clubs under the home agent's supervision.

"The increase for the past year was 875. It is gratifying that the increase in completions is in about the same proportion as the past enrollments."

Nearly 12,000 boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H clubs in Kansas in 1928, according to figures recently summarized at the State club office, Manhattan. This is an increase of nearly 2,500 over the 1927 figure and nearly three times the number in 4-H club work five years ago. Lyon County leads the list of counties with 693 enrollments, and Sedgwick is second with 600. The largest enrollments were in the clothing, pig, baby beef, corn, and poultry projects. Of all the club members in the State who started the work, 72.3 per cent completed their projects.

Final figures on club enrollment in the United States for 1928 are not quite ready. Tentative totals, however, indicate that the 1928 enrollment was in excess of 665,000, an increase of between 7 and 8 per cent over the 1927 enrollment. The percentage of completions in 1928 was approximately 67 per cent as compared to 64 per cent in 1927.





Hilson Guier, of Calloway County, Ky., owns and has officially tested Proud Prince's May, the Jersey cow which is the highest producing senior 3-year-old Jersey on record tested for 305 days.

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In New Hampshire four club members completed the 4-H egg-laying contest for 1928 with an average production of 200 eggs per hen or better.

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Vonnell Brush, 13-year-old club girl of Weakley County, Tenn., organized a club of 15 members last year.

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California reports a successful club leaders' short course at Davis, February 18-23, with 161 local volunteer leaders, from practically all counties with 4-H club work, enrolled for the full week.

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Thirteen of the 3-months short course students in agriculture at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., this winter are 4-H club members.

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Jesse Johnson, of Pasquotank County, is the 1928 North Carolina champion club member, with a production of 150 bushels of corn on 1 acre of land at a total cost of \$40.20, or 26.8 cents per bushel.

Thirty-one club members of Seiper 4-H Club, Rapides Parish, La., reported at a meeting recently to take part in a peach-tree pruning demonstration which was given for the benefit of the people of the community under the supervision of B. W. Baker, club agent.

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The Farm Bureau of Tazewell County, Ill., is conducting an essay writing contest among club members on the subject, "Why Club Members Should Market Their Livestock Cooperatively."

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Edgar Grimes, Linn County, Oreg., winner of the Moses Trophy in 1928, has been named champion Holstein club boy for 1928 by the Holstein-Freisian Association of America.

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The sixth annual 4-H Calf Club Banquet, put on by the club members themselves, was held by Kent County (Md.) boys and girls on February 22 and was attended by 100 4-H calf club members, parents, and friends.

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The U-Need-Em Clothing Club of Stutsman County, N. Dak., has divided into two groups and will compete against each other to see which side can complete the year's work first.



# THE GAUNTLET CLUB

Albert Novak, Brazoria County, Texas, holds a three-year record of more than a bale and half of cotton to the acre each year. In 1926 he made 774 pounds of lint, 830 pounds in 1927, and last year, 1,031 pounds. His net profit from the acre in 1928 was \$257.31 and was due, so his county agent, J. A. Oswalt says, to fall plowing, an application of 400 pounds of 18 per cent superphosphate, shallow cultivation, field-selected seed and the use of calcium arsenate and sulphur to control weevils and fleas.

Montana now has 11 counties that publish a monthly club publication. These publications are exchanged among the different counties and are available at the county offices for all club members to read.

"We have just checked up on the percentage of club members in each class in the college of agriculture and home-economics department. There are 235 club members and former club members now in the University of Kentucky. This is between 9 and 10 per cent of all the students in the university."

---J. W. Whitehouse, State leader, junior club work, Kentucky.

Florence County, S. C., with an enrollment of 480 in girls' club work, reports 100 per cent completions for the year 1928. Five hundred and ninety certificates were issued, which included 230 gardens. Girls in Orangeburg County were second, with 90 per cent completion record; Colleton, with 88 per cent, third; Marlboro, 86 per cent; Newberry, 82 per cent; Sumter, 81 per cent; respectively.

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in leaders or members.

The Happy Hilltop Hustlers of Stratford, Conn., have carried on for five years with no change

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Marvin Nelson, Stevens County, Minn., won the first Minnesota advanced 4-H sheep-club project with average production of 162.9 pounds of lamb from his 10 ewes. He raised 16 lambs which reached an average weight of 101.8 pounds when they averaged 150 days of age. The contest was organized this year to offer boys of advanced club age and experience an opportunity to enter a project on a scale larger than the regular 4-H livestock work. It was designed to add the problems of breeding and flock management to the feeding experience previously gained by club members and to provide opportunity, when carried out efficiently, of making a larger financial return.

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# 1929 KICK-OFF

On February 20, West Virginia's enrollment for 1929 stood at 13,594. Kanawha county headed the list with 2,172, or more than three times as many enrollments as any other county. Every county in the State except one has at least one club. The number of clubs reported on the date given was 739. Forty-two of these were colored clubs with a membership of 639. Last year there were 35 colored clubs with 309 members.

The beef calf club recently reorganized in Noble County, Ind., has 32 members feeding 54 calves, the largest membership that the club has had in its 10 years of existence. A new feature of the club this year is an advanced project for the more experienced club members. They are permitted to enlarge the scope and practicability of the work by feeding from 3 to 5 calves. Eight members are enrolled in this division and are feeding 30 of the 54 calves.

"A substantial development in club work this year in Colorado is the huge increase indicated in baby beef calf clubs," declares Walter R. Freeman. "We will have more 4-H club members than ever in Colorado, but we are particularly stressing 100 per cent completion of work undertaken. We don't want members to start unless they will finish." Mr. Freeman, who was assistant State club leader in Colorado from 1920 to 1925, has been appointed to assist county extension agents in organizing boys' and girls' club work throughout Colorado until the return of C. T. Ferguson to the Colorado Agricultural College as assistant State club leader. Mr. Ferguson will return in June after nine months of graduate study at Missouri University.

At the annual Tennessee conference of county agents, plans were made to increase the enrollment this year to 33,327, or an increase of 40 per cent over the 1928 enrollment.

On February 14 the Connecticut enrollment figures showed 2,361 club members and 227 clubs.



1929 KICK-OFF (continued)

L. I. Frisbie, State extension agent in club work in Nebraska, in speaking about the 4-H planning days which have been held in many counties in the State this spring, says: "The purpose of all this planning and activity is to increase the enrollment in Nebraska 50 per cent by the end of 1930 and to maintain the same high quality of work that has been done in the past few years."

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"The project enrollment in Rhode Island 4-H clubs on March 12 was 3,911, which is 353 more than the total enrollment at the end of last year. \*\*\* Twenty towns out of the thirty-three towns in the State have more clubs than last year and 26 towns have clubs in more different communities than last year."

---Rhode Island 4-H Clubs, March 14, 1929.

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Yearly 4-H programs are now being prepared in each county in Kansas with the help of a representative from the State club department. These programs are prepared under four main headings: First, organization, including communities to be reached, projects promoted, leaders to be obtained, and the cooperation expected from other agencies. Second, club activities including demonstration teams, judging teams, music, recreation, health, 4-H Club Round-up, county camp, club tours, county and State fairs, and State 4-H encampment. Third, exhibiting and records, including plans for keeping records up to date and obtaining monthly or occasional reports from members, and the plans for club members and clubs to exhibit at their county as well as at the State fair. Fourth, reorganization plans including dates for achievement days, holding of annual meetings for clubs, organizing of membership contests and drives, and similar work. After the county program has been prepared, each county extension agent is assisted in preparing a calendar of work which he will do each month during the year in order to accomplish the program.

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"Just recently we closed our Farm and Home Week or short course held at Iowa State College. For the first time the 4-H club leaders and committee women were featured a great deal on the program, having a session each day. Other years we have had one or two sessions, but this year there was one every single day. Many topics were discussed by authorities. The adolescent girl and her problems, the health of the adolescent girl, the beau problem, the mental attitude of the adolescent girl, and the work of the local leader and committeewoman, were all discussed."

---Josephine Arnquist, in charge of girls' club work, Iowa.

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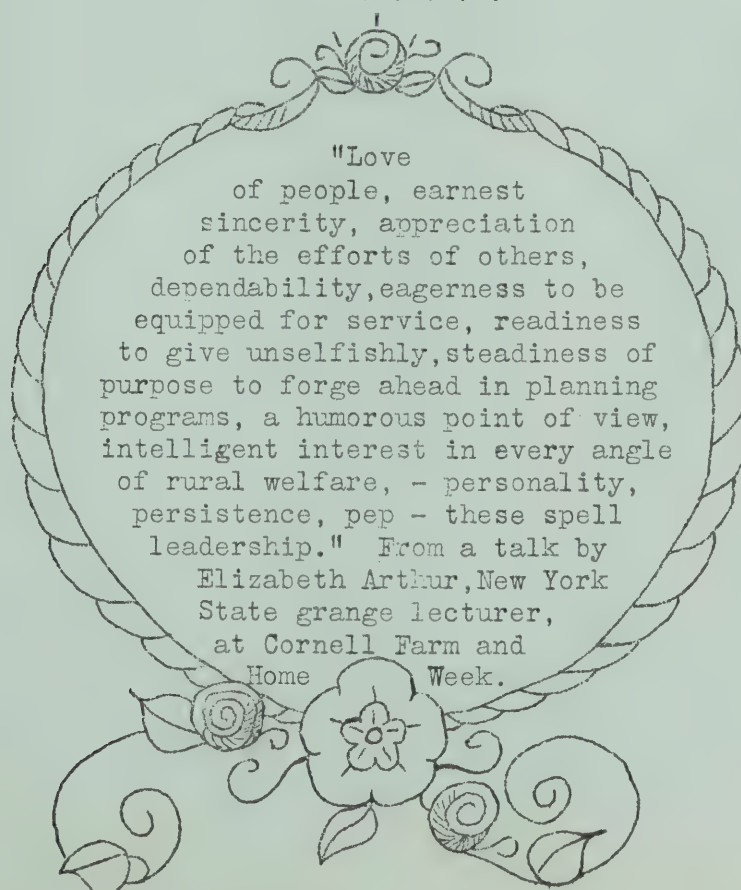
## DEMONSTRATION CONTEST SCORE CARD AT CAMP EDWARDS

In order that Rhode Island club members who anticipate partaking in the demonstration contests at Camp Edwards this year may know well in advance on what points demonstrations will be scored, the State news-letter gives the following information:

- Subject matter: Importance, accuracy, completeness, clearness.  
Teamwork: Each member constantly reenforcing, not detracting from, demonstration, appearance, and conduct of team.  
Skill: Ease of procedure, efficiency, neatness, speed, ability to answer questions of judge.  
Results: Holding attention of audience, making all processes clear, quality of work accomplished, making audience feel confidence in methods shown.

Note: The beginning of the demonstration (introduction) should catch the attention of the audience and lead easily into the demonstration itself. The ending of the demonstration (conclusion) should very briefly call attention to any points which may not have been clear when first mentioned and should leave the audience with the feeling that they would like to try this method themselves in their own homes. The successful demonstration must not only show some new method not universally used or known, but must persuade the audience to want to use this improved method.

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# THE BOOKSHELF

## THE NEW LEAVEN

By Stanwood Cobb

John Day Company, Publishers. (1928. 340p.)

This book has much of value to the 4-H club leader. It emphasizes the opportunity afforded through 4-H club work in giving farm boys and girls the benefits of a distinctly democratic organization. The author states, "Group consciousness and social-mindedness should be developed in children; social adjustment and character training are as important as academic progress."

Of particular interest to club leaders is the discussion pertaining to competition and marks. Stanwood Cobb says, in part, "In the world itself, the competitive system is slowly being transformed for the better into a system of human cooperation. Therefore they seek to develop in children the social and cooperative rather than the aggressive, the competitive, and the exploiting qualities. The group-project is a very important means toward this end; its achievement is by the group and for the sake of the group." Further on he states, "The group mind - planning, creating, and achieving - can accomplish marvels of which the individual is incapable." This thought alone is worth emphasizing in the building of a more effective rural people. Those who read the book will appreciate anew the sound educational principles underlying the 4-H club organization as it is being conducted and will realize how this organization can be utilized even further in the development of a progressive rural citizenship.

In the discussions in the Senate relative to the passage of the Smith-Lever Bill, Senator James H. Brady, one of the managers of the bill on the part of the Senate, said, "It is human beings, not broad acres, that we are trying to educate; we are trying to improve the man, so that the man, by his superior knowledge, may improve the farm, thus bringing added wealth to our country." It is in this building of men in the open country that club leaders will find guidance in Stanwood Cobb's book, "The New Leaven."

----Review prepared by Gertrude L. Warren.

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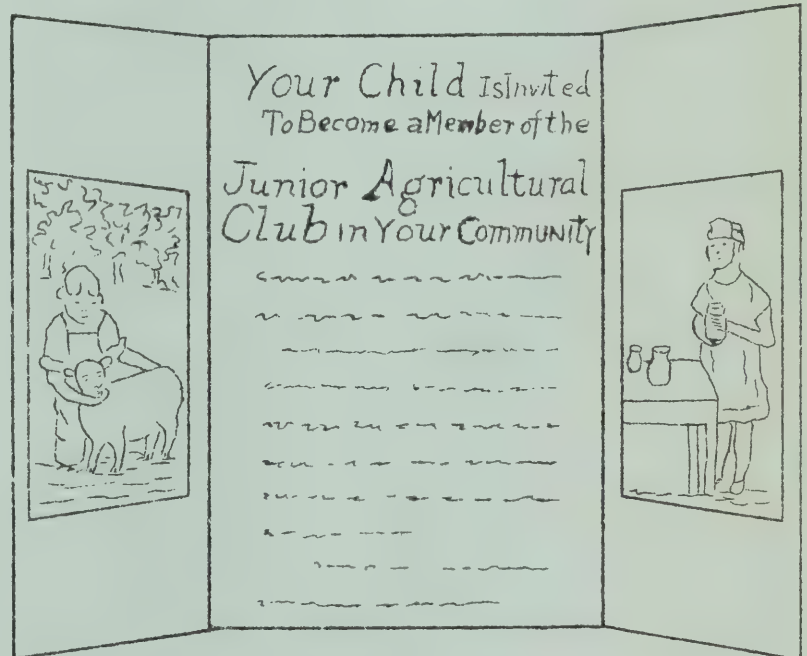
WORK BOX AND TOOL CHEST

CHICKEN LICE, MITES, AND OTHER EXTERNAL PARASITES OF POULTRY. Lantern-Slide Series 234. Extension Service, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. This series of slides, showing the various ways in which lice and other external parasites affect poultry, indicates the life history and habits of some of these parasites and outlines methods for combating them. It includes 40 slides.

ROUNDWORMS AND SWINE SANITATION. Lantern Slide Series 194. Same address as above. This series includes 36 slides.

LESSONS IN PLANNING AND PLANTING A GARDEN. Lantern Slide Series 10. Same address as above. This set of slides is planned to show in detail the different phases of practice involved in selecting and testing seeds, planting and transplanting, cultivation methods, and the right and wrong practice in the handling of garden tools.

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Printed folder issued by the University of Kentucky to be sent to parents whose children are eligible to become club members. The printed page on the inside (when the doors are opened) gives information as to the purpose of club work, in whose charge club work is, by whom promoted, the number of club members in Kentucky and in the United States. At the end of this summary of club work, it says: "Your child can be a member of this organization with your approval. The best results are obtained only when parents give their encouragement and personal support to the club."

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## NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

The underlying motive of the sixth annual observance of National Music Week, May 5-11, is a greater degree of active participation in music in addition to listening to it. That an increase in music making is needed as a stabilizing influence in family and community life is pointed out by the National Music Week Committee. As applied to the rural districts, this plan calls for a linking of schools and homes, children and parents, in an interrelation of music in the classroom and the household. Suggestions for carrying out the plan may be found in folders which are obtainable upon request to the National Music Week Committee, 45 West Forty-Fifth Street, New York, N. Y.

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While we are on the subject of music, a former club leader in the State of Washington recently suggested in a letter to the State office that 4-H clubs should have an invocation song all their own. She said: "When I attended a banquet given to the 4-H club of Pacific County at South Bend, an idea came to my mind that might prove of inspirational value. The first number on the program was the Doxology. This was fitting, but why couldn't the boys and girls have their own invocation? I send one that I wrote for them. If you like the idea but would like to suggest some change, please feel free to do so. This invocation is sung to the tune of the Doxology. New music would of course be better." The song follows:

### THE 4-H CLUB INVOCATION

"O, may we tend with loving hands  
Our farms that hold the health of all,  
Our homes, our fields, and all thereon,  
Nor deem the lowly task too small.

"May we e'er seek the better way  
That's open to the seeking mind.  
May we prove victor day by day  
O'er craven thought and deed unkind."

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And we have before us an 8-verse 4-H song from Honolulu, Hawaii, entitled "Aiea Filipina Girls' Club," one stanza of which goes like this:

"'Filipina Girls' Club' ikaw ay magsabog  
Ng mga gawaing puspos ng pagirog  
At ng upang ikaw, y maisatugatog  
Ng kadakilaan, at mapabantayog."

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### CHILD HEALTH DAY

The American Child Health Association is emphasizing for the May Day 1929 program the importance of recreation as a major health factor. Child Health Day material may be obtained by addressing the American Child Health Association, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

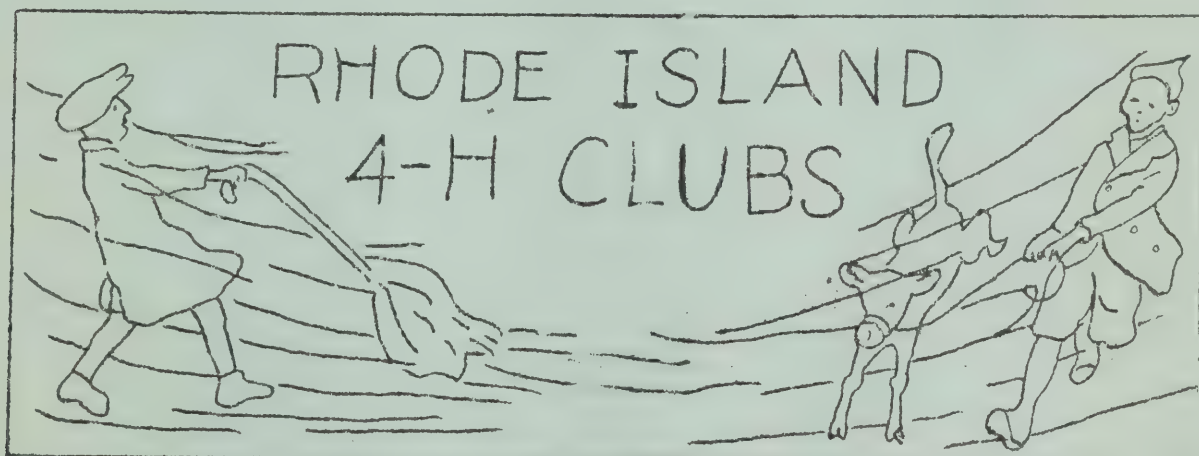
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## C A L E N D A R

- CONNECTICUT - State 4-H Club Round-up,  
Hartford, April 26-27.
- INDIANA - Annual 4-H Club Round-up,  
La Fayette, May 7-11.
- KANSAS - Seventh Annual 4-H Club Round-up,  
Manhattan, June 3-7.
- KENTUCKY - Annual Junior Week,  
Lexington, June 3-8.
- MICHIGAN - Annual 4-H Club Week,  
East Lansing, July 8-12.
- MINNESOTA - Annual 4-H Club Short Course,  
St. Paul, June 10-14.
- MISSOURI - Second State 4-H Club Round-up,  
Columbia, August 5-9.
- TENNESSEE - State Club Camp,  
Knoxville, July 22-27.
- WISCONSIN - Four-H Club Week,  
Madison, June 17-22.



--Heading of the March Rhode Island State News-Letter.



## AMONG OURSELVES

**TRUE TO THE CLUB COLORS** Mabel Greene has been in extension work in Hawaii for five years. Now M. Elmina White has been added to the staff of the extension service there to take up work as assistant director of extension for home economics. Miss Greene is now county extension agent for Honolulu County or Oahu Island, and devotes her time to extension work with boys and girls and women. Miss White goes to the islands with 8 years' experience in extension work. For the past five years she has been assistant director in Washington, and she has had a lot to do with boys' and girls' club work in that State.

Hazel Zimmerman, who has been engaged for the past seven years in extension work in Washoe County, Nev., has taken up her new duties as county extension agent in Hawaii County where she will be working with boys and girls and women. Harvey F. Willey, county extension agent in Maui county, and Roy A. Goff, county agent in Hawaii County, will also give some time to boys' and girls' club work.

Madge J. Reese, Western States, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, is out on a trip which will include Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado. She will confer with club leaders in regard to the year's plan of work. She expects to attend the spring meeting of the Camp Plummer Extension Committee at Portland, Oreg., early in April. Representatives from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah will be there. One of the special things to be considered at this meeting will be plans for a new building which will be built and equipped by public-spirited citizens for the use of activities of all educational organizations and agencies represented at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. Plans will also be made for club activities for Camp Plummer for next November.

A special six-weeks course in extension methods is being offered by the University of Wisconsin in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture during the regular summer session of 1929. The course will be given by M. C. Wilson who is in charge of extension studies in the Office of Cooperative Extension Work. While it may be taken for either undergraduate or graduate credit, the course is designed primarily for experienced extension workers who are interested in studying their job. It will take up ways of measuring extension progress, methods of collecting research data relative to extension, the comparative efficiency of the means and agencies employed in extension teaching, and the influence of such factors as educational training, age, and contact with extension workers, upon the rate of spread of extension information. Inquiries regarding the course may be directed to J. A. James, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Madison, Wisconsin.

"A Complete Health Examination for Everybody," was the objective for the year 1929 which was emphasized during the Fifteenth Annual Negro Health Week which was observed from March 31 to April 7.

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## SOUTHERN BOYS LEAD IN COTTON PER ACRE\*

By I. W. Hill  
Field Agent, Southern States,  
Office of Cooperative Extension Work,  
United States Department of Agriculture.

Boys and Girls of 4-H Clubs and their Brothers and Sisters, Fathers, Mothers, and Neighbors:

I am going to tell you how southern boys in the 4-H clubs lead their fathers in cotton production per acre.

In 1928 the average cotton farmer produced 151.8 pounds per acre of lint cotton. The average made by all 4-H club members reporting in 1927 was 315 pounds of lint cotton per acre or twice as much per acre as the average for the whole cotton crop. Valuing cotton at 20 cents per pound, father's gross receipts were \$30.36 per acre. On the other hand son's gross receipts were \$63 per acre. You ask, "Why this difference?" The 4-H club member put into practice the scientific facts discovered in the laboratories and at the experiment stations of the Government and the States. Father continued to kill the grass to grow some cotton and to buy some grass to grow some more cotton. But, look out club members, Father is learning.

In a county in Mississippi where club members averaged 500 pounds of lint cotton per acre in 1927 the farmers when asked what kind of fertilizer they wanted, replied, "Give me the same kind the club boys are using." The average yield per acre in this county has doubled in five years.

In Alabama, W. L. Wadsworth, a farmer with two boys and a girl in club work says, "I have compared the results from club acres with ordinary practices for three years. I am thoroughly convinced that the 'club way' is the cheapest method of producing cotton. I expect to make every acre on my farm a club acre in 1928. Why should I work 7 or 8 acres to produce four bales when three of my youngsters produce four bales on three acres?"

W. Z. Smith, a neighbor, said to the county agent, "I am a club member for every acre of my farm in 1928. If those youngsters can produce four bales on three acres, I surely can produce a bale per acre. I try to be a close observer of the better methods of my neighbors and am convinced that the club method for cotton will pay."

The reports for 1928 have not yet been received by the department. In 1927 the highest average yield per acre made by club members reporting was in Arkansas and was followed closely by those in Georgia. In 1927, 19,000 boys and 600 girls were enrolled as members of cotton clubs in the several States. The club members more than doubled the yield per acre produced by adults. In Mississippi over half of the 3,000 members enrolled produced an average of more than 500 pounds of lint cotton per acre. In the same year in Alabama, 1,629 members of more than 4,000 enrolled, made 1,629 bales on 1,629 acres.

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Let me tell you what two Alabama cotton club boys have to say: Robert Lester of Tallapoosa County says: "The reason I became interested in club work is because I wanted to be a member of one of the largest organizations in America. I wanted to share in the fun that other boys were having at camp and at the meetings. I wanted to have something that I could call my own. This year's profit with last year's profit, and the \$50 prize given me by the farm bureau and the \$5 I won on an exhibit at the fair last year, has given me a good bank account, which will be used only for expenses at school."

Dewey Garner of Cleburne County says: "I am 19 years old and have been a club member for four years. Cotton has been my project each year. By following the instructions of my county agent, I have never made under a bale of cotton on my acre. My best yield was in 1925 when I made 1,618 pounds of seed cotton. Club work has been very helpful to this community. Many farmers who formerly made half a bale to the acre and less are now making around a bale per acre. My father told our county agent, 'you have taught me to make cotton through these boys.'

"Being associated with other boys in club work is a great help both as to rivalry in the work itself and the spirit of cooperation developed at our club meetings, camps and other gatherings. My ambition is to get an education and I feel that being a club member I have a better chance to get it."

This is how the cotton club boys and girls feel about 4-H club work. You will find that it is because 4-H clubs differ from all other boys' and girls' organizations in that every member must preserve, conserve, or produce something of economic value. The 4-H clubs have an economic foundation. Members are trained to do the things on the farm and in the home in the best and most economic way. It is urged that the club member have the results of this labor as his very own. He is encouraged to practice thrift and have a bank account. He is taught partnership with father and mother, and fathers and mothers are urged to meet their boys and girls more than half way in their club activities.

In their meetings they discuss the needs of the club and their community. They sing together, play together, cooperate. In working for the good of their clubs and their communities, they develop leadership, one of the greatest needs of rural communities. With ownership of property, partnership in the family, leadership in the community, the citizenship developed can be of the highest order. Four-H club members lead the way today in America's farm life.

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